

Application No. 09/599,274
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REMARKS

Currently claims 1-10 and 12-16 are pending. Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that claims 1-10 and 12-16 patentably distinguish over the prior art. Applicants address each of the Examiner's concerns below.

I. The Rejection of Claims 1-9 and 12-16 over Claims 2-5, 9, 13, 14 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,315,112 Has Been Obviated by the Filing of a Terminal Disclaimer

Claims 1-9 and 12-16 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-5, 9, 13, 14 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,315,112. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. In view of this Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection of claims 1-9 and 12-16 be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.


II. The Rejection of Claims 1-9 and 12-14 over Claims 2-4, 8, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,390,291 Has Been Obviated by the Filing of a Terminal Disclaimer

Claims 1-9 and 12-14 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-4, 8, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,390,291. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. In view of this Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection of claims 1-9 and 12-14 be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that the present application be allowed. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative, who may be reached at (919) 483-9024.

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